



THE OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM OF THE MIDDLE EAST STUDIES CENTER



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Purpose

Middle East Studies Center (MESC) faculty, staff and volunteers are a regular presence at local and national schools. The Center supports in-depth study at the university while also engaging with local, regional and national communities to share knowledge and academic information. We seek to inspire students and young people at OSU and beyond to learn more, and perhaps gain language and cultural expertise focused on North Africa, West and Central Asia and the Eastern Mediterranean.

Impact

Many OSU graduates with high levels of language proficiency and area knowledge are becoming professors - between 1999-2004, 21% of them went into higher education and 13 accepted tenure-track positions.

MESC trains leaders and teachers in the military, at local and national schools and community colleges through classroom visits, workshops and by using video conferencing technologies.

Our comprehensive teacher training program ensures a multiplying effect of knowledge dissemination as we continue to support, build community and facilitate follow-up activities with P-16 teacher participants in our programs.

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